THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) It is not a fact that several NGOs are violating the adoption laws in the country. However, some reports of irregularities in some adoption agencies have been received in the Ministry from time to time, whose recognition have been withdrawn. The Ministry has also issued letters to all State Governments to ensure regulation of adoption agencies and protection of the interests of orphans and destitute children by taking some steps which *inter-alia* include:

(i) Licensing of all residential homes and setting of State Adoption Units;

(ii) Joint inspections should take place of orphanages and agencies;

(iii) Enforcement of Orphanages & other Charitable Homes Act, 1960;

(iv) Monitoring of Adoption activities.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Central Government have prepared and published Model Rules under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000, in the Gazette of India, Part-I, Section-I dated 22nd June, 2001 to facilitate the States in their efforts to prepare Rules under the said Act.

(e) According to the information available with the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, all the State Governments had formulated Rules under the Juvenile Justice Act, 1986.

(f) Does not arise.

Recommendations of National Commission for SCs/STs

2993. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the recommendations made by the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes during the last four years, year-wise;

(b) the steps being taken by Government for implementation of these recommendations; and

(c) the details of the recommendations of the National Commission for SCs and STs that have been accepted by Government, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (c) During 1997-98 to 2000-2001, the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes has submitted the following reports to the Hon'ble President of India:

(i) Fourth Report for the year 1996-97 & 1997-98 (combined);

(ii) Fifth Report for the year 1998-99;

(iii) Special Report on the implementation of the SCs and STs (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 in the State of Uttar Pradesh; and

(iv) Special Report on the working of the Special Courts set up under the SCs and STs (POA) Act, 1989, Madhya Pradesh.

These reports have been processed as per provision under clauses 6 and 7 of the Article 338 of the Constitution. The Fourth Report has been already laid before both houses of the Parliament along with the Action Taken Memoranda.

Action is being taken on the other reports in consultation with the concerned Ministry/Department and State Governments.

Financial Assistance for Post-Matric Education to SCs/STs in Rajasthan

2994. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government provide financial assistance to the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe students for the post-matric education;

(b) if so, whether Government have provided any such assistance to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe students in Rajasthan, so far;

(c) if so, the details of the amount given during the last two years; and

(d) if not, the reasons for not providing the amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (d) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship to students belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, Government provides central assistance to the State Governments and Union Territory